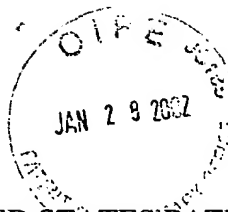


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 1.136(a) Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action dated May 25, 2001. Our check in the amount of \$920.00, the extension fee required for a response filed within the third month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c)), is submitted concurrently herewith.